

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace paragraph number [0009] with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figure 1 shows a belt strap 5 which is retracted onto a spindle 10 of a “belt retractor” 15. The spindle 10 is mounted rotatably about an axis 20. On its outer edge, the spindle 10 has a pawl 30 which “disengages” during an abrupt acceleration of the spindle 10 and comes into contact with inner locking teeth 40 of a ratchet ring 50. The ratchet ring ~~[[15]]~~ 50 is likewise mounted rotatably about the axis 20; however, rotation of the ratchet ring 50 only occurs if the pawl 30 is locked by the inner locking teeth 40 of the ratchet ring 50.

Please replace paragraph number [0042] with the following rewritten paragraph:

In a particularly simple and therefore advantageous manner, the switching rocker can be switched over from the one position into the other position using a pyrotechnic device 700 ~~pyrotechnically~~. A substantial advantage of the pyrotechnic readjustment can be found in the fact that this takes place very rapidly.

Please replace paragraph number [0043] with the following rewritten paragraph:

However, the disadvantage of the pyrotechnic switching over is that pyrotechnic material is a “hazardous product”. If the use of such a hazardous product is to be avoided, then the switching rocker may also be switched over from the one position into the other position in a very simple manner by means of an electromagnet 720. This is because switching rockers, owing to their arrangement, endeavor automatically to switch themselves over, which means that a blocking lock by an electromagnet 720 can easily be removed. The switching rocker can therefore be switched over from the one position into the other position solely by removal of the blocking lock.

Please add the following new paragraphs after paragraph number [0007] and before the “Detailed Description.”

Figure 3 is a view of an embodiment of a fastening device for a seat belt in which a switching rocker is switched over from a first position into a second position using a pyrotechnic device.

Figure 4 is a view of an embodiment of a fastening device for a seat belt in which a switching rocker is switched over from a first position into a second position with an electromagnet.